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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 17, 2001

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Michael Berger at 7:35 p.m. on December 17, 2001 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Elizabeth Cheadle, Jerome Daniel, Russell Guiney, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Steven Treanor, Jonathan Zasloff, and Michael Berger, Chair. The following members were absent: David Allgood, and Steve Horn. Quorum present.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Paul Koretz, Susan McEntire, Laura Plotkin, Kevin Rudiger, and Scott Svonkin. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Mary Sue Maurer and Michael Müller.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Ed Corridori, Clare Marter Kenyon, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Steele, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were absent: Michael Cacciotti, Bruce Crow, Lesley Devine, Richard Gould, Terre Hirsch, Joan House, Mark Johnson, Don Robinson, Bruce Saito, and Ken Warner.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Education, Interpretation, and Operations, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); Walt Young, Chief Ranger, MRCA; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel, MRCA; Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager II, MRCA; and James Yeramian, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Assemblyman Paul Koretz.

4. Minutes

The minutes of September 24, 2001 and November 26, 2001 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 24, 2001 and November 26, 2001 were approved as submitted.

5. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Austin.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Concoff.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Young.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Lethbridge.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Berger, and Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

6. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Ms. Hilda Hoeshi, member of the public, on item 7(c).

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Mr. Gordon Murley, representing the Woodland Hills Homeowners Association, on item 6.

Ms. Susan P. Nelson, representing Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains Parks and Seashore, on item 14.

The Chair read the views of Mr. Jon Luch, representing the Cahuenga Pass Neighborhood Association, on item 7(c).

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

7. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a dedication of approximately 55 acres from Tract Map No. 52715 (APN 2848-009-040) in Placerita Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of approximately one acre located on the southeast slope of Chatsworth Peak (APN 649-080-06-0), unincorporated Ventura County.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority use private funds to option two parcels (APNs 2427-006-005, 007) in the Cahuenga Pass area, City of Los Angeles.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize the following actions relative to the acquisition of the Zuniga Pond property (APNs 4455-008-008, 009 and 4436-005-001) in the Old Topanga watershed: (a) Enter into agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy to accept the terms and conditions of Grant Amendment number 00-186 with the Mountains Restoration Trust; (b) Accept the property subject to the covenants, codes and restrictions, management agreement, and signage requirements required by the by the State Coastal Conservancy.**

- (e) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a revised offer to dedicate: (a) a 24-acre fee title property, and (b) an equestrian easement per Coastal Development Permit No. 5-86-293 and Amendment (CDP 5-86-293A), near Sweetwater Mesa Road, Malibu.***
- (f) **Consideration of resolution authorizing an appeal to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning on Tentative Tract Map 52908, Conditional Use Permit, and Project No. 00-137-(5), south of Pico Canyon Road, in Pico Canyon Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report, Western Plateau Preservation Plan, City of Thousand Oaks.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Deerlake Ranch property, Draft Environmental Impact Report, Tentative Tract No. 53138, Chatsworth area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Chair to fill vacancies that may arise on the governing board of any joint powers authority to which the Conservancy has the appointing authority.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution awarding a grant to the Resources Conservation District of the Mountains Conservancy and Education Authority.**

The Chair noted that item 7(j) had been removed from the agenda and that items 7(b) and 7(h) would be removed from the consent calendar to be considered as regular items.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the advisory committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 01-202, 01-204, 01-205, 01-206, 01-207, 01-206, and 01-208.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 01-202, 01-204, 01-205, 01-206, 01-207, 01-206, and 01-208.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

- 7(b). Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of approximately one acre located on the southeast slope of Chatsworth Peak (APN 649-080-06-0), unincorporated Ventura County.**

Comments were made by Messrs. Daniel and Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-203.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-203.

- 7(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Deerlake Ranch property, Draft Environmental Impact Report, Tentative Tract No. 53138, Chatsworth area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos and Messrs. Daniel and Edelman.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-209.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-209.

- 8. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Coastal Commission on the Draft City of Malibu Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chair noted that item 8 had been removed from the agenda.

- 9. Consideration of resolution authorizing an appeal to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the Fair Oaks Ranch project, Tentative Tract Map Nos. 52938 and 52833 and Conditional Use Permit Nos. 99-01 and 00-128, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-213.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-213 as revised.

10. Consideration of resolution adopting fiscal year 2000-2001 annual report.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Portantino, Ms. Palmer and Ms. Steele.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-214.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-214 as revised.

11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation from West Pointe Homes of approximately 200 acres in Moorpark, located west of Walnut Canyon Road, by application to the Wildlife Conservation Board pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000; and authorize the Chair to name a subcommittee of the Conservancy and/or Advisory Committee members for an additional public hearing in the local community for the donation application for all or part of APNs 500-026-002, 004, 007, 008, and 009, City of Moorpark.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei, Messrs. Brown, and Kishbaugh, Ms. Mikos, Ms. Palmer, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-215.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff
Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Plotkin.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-215.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize an easement agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks for siting of a new water storage tank adjacent to an existing tank easement on Linfin/Rolling Oaks open space, Thousand Oaks.**

The Chair noted that item 12 had been removed from the agenda.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing additions to the Conservancy's Proposition A-1996 Workprogram, and application to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for funding projects: (a) Verdugo Mountains Wildlife Corridor; (b) Foothill Communities-Angeles Forest Portals (La Cañada-Flintridge/Pasadena/Altadena/Sierra Madre); (c) Upper Santa Clara River Watershed-Angeles Forest Portals, and (d) Montecito Heights and Lincoln Heights Open Space.**

Comments were made by Ms. Skei, Ms. Cheadle, and Ms. Mikos, the Executive Director, the Chair, and Messrs. Guiney, Portantino, and Zasloff.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Steele, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 01-217.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 01-217 as revised.

- 14. Consideration of a resolution authorizing making an emergency loan to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, to be secured by a trust deed on the 1518 acre Eastport property, City of Los Angeles.**

This item was heard in closed session.

- 15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire 12.92 acres of APN 637-070-034, Rocky Pointe, Simi Valley, jointly with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District from Yaacov Metzler. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.***

The Chair called a closed session at 9:30 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) for items 14 and 15.

- 16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 28, 2001.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

Approved:

MICHAEL BERGER
Chairperson